

1 I, Janet McCleery, do hereby declare:

2 My husband and I live in Discovery Bay. We moved to Discovery Bay after spending 35 years in
3 Silicon Valley - myself as a software engineer then Co-Founder/CTO of a software startup
4 company. My husband was a financial analyst and retired as Controller of Space Systems Loral, a
5 major satellite builder. We both worked hard, saved our money, and lived in a small Sunnyvale
6 home where we raised our two girls. We spent weekends driving to the Delta where we and our
7 girls learned to water ski and learned to enjoy the beautiful nature and setting of the unique area
8 called the "Delta."

9 We built our "dream house" and moved to Discovery Bay in 2006. We looked forward to
10 retirement years boating on the waterways we love and enjoying the beauty and serenity of this
11 wonderful place. In addition, we picked Discovery Bay because of our daughters' love of water
12 skiing and the Delta. We figured that we'd see more of them and their families if we lived in a
13 location where they all wanted to come visit often.

14 We understand that the effects of the tunnels on "recreation" are scheduled for part II of the
15 hearings. Many of the activities that make Discovery Bay what it is, taken in isolation, might be
16 considered as recreation. However, Discovery Bay is a freshwater boating community. Our culture,
17 societal values, economy, and entire way of life depend on the health of our bays, which are fed by
18 and connected to Indian Slough and Kellogg Creek.

19 Many of the businesses in Discovery Bay are marine-based. These include boat sales, boat
20 repair, water sports equipment sales, boat storage and launching, our marina and fuel dock,
21 waterfront restaurants, and the Discovery Bay Yacht Club. If the tunnels go into operation,
22 depriving our community of fresh water, many of these businesses will have to close. This will
23 dramatically impact our economy overall and negatively impact our tax base. Many people will lose
24 their livelihood.

25 The waterfront homes of Discovery Bay are set on a series of freshwater bays. Each bay has
26 its own name and community identity. Our home fronts Marlin Bay. When we sit on our deck or
27 dock we look out across the bay and see our neighbors. Marlin Bay is our community commons—it
28 belongs to everyone and we all take care of it. The water is part of our culture, part of our

1 community. Some communities have a big central commons, a grassy lawn area. Our “commons”
2 are our bays. It is how we see our neighbors. We swim on our bays, people paddle by, others are out
3 on pedal boats, or patio boats. Instead of neighbors sharing a grassy common area, we share our
4 watery bays.

5 If the tunnels go into operation, depriving Discovery Bay of freshwater and degrading the
6 quality of water in our bays, our commons will be ruined and our entire culture and sense of
7 community will be destroyed. Many of our neighbors will give up and move away. Home values
8 will plummet. This goes beyond impacting recreation. It is the destruction of an entire community.

9 Over 2,000 homes in Discovery Bay are waterfront with docks and boats in the back yard.
10 Their owners share a similar love of the Delta, water-based life style and the Delta’s scenic beauty.
11 In addition to the waterfront homes, there is a large marina with many dry-dock water ski and
12 wakeboard boats and berths for many larger houseboats and powerboats owned by people in Silicon
13 Valley and other nearby areas for weekend enjoyment. The marina and water-front businesses
14 account for most of our communities’ economic basis. Waterfront lots are about \$300K more than
15 non-waterfront lots and all lots in Discovery Bay are quite a bit more expensive than surrounding
16 communities. This is because of our unique water-based activities and focus.

17 When we go to visit our friends and neighbors, we travel by boat—either across our bay to
18 our close neighbors or through the interconnecting channels to visit friends who live on other bays.
19 There have been times in the past when the bays were so choked with invasive weeds that it was not
20 possible to navigate in many areas of Discovery Bay. We have begun to get a handle on this
21 problem but if the tunnels go into operation they will deprive us of good quality fresh water and
22 cause conditions that will make invasive weed growth explode. Our means of transportation and
23 way of life will be destroyed.

24 The Tunnels will have a devastating affect on our community while the project is underway,
25 with its significant noise pollution and air pollution, and the destruction afterwards. During
26 construction, barges will block waterways and large muck ponds will be dumped nearby with their
27 resulting smell and bugs. Highway 4, which is the main commuter route from Discovery Bay to
28 Stockton, will suffer significant closures.

1 This summer we have also had an outbreak of toxic blue-green algae. Blue-green algae not
2 only makes water un-swimmable and unusable for domestic use, it is also highly toxic to pets. Our
3 dog drinks out of our bay as do all of the dogs and cats that live in Discovery Bay. If the tunnels go
4 into operation, water temperatures will increase in Discovery Bay, circulation will decrease, and
5 conditions will cause blue-green algae to be a pervasive problem in Discovery Bay. Pets will die. It
6 is difficult, if not impossible, to fence off the water—and doing so would destroy our community in
7 any event. In addition to all the other community destroying effects of the tunnels, blue-green algae
8 will give an additional incentive for pet lovers to move away from Discovery Bay.

9 We are a freshwater community. The bays will become brackish or polluted as the result of
10 removing the fresh water upstream in Sacramento so that it cannot flow through the Delta and
11 through our bays. Some may say that won't happen. But it already has started. The combination of
12 years of drought and continued over-pumping has taken its toll. This year the water turned green
13 from algae. It was the standard green algae we get most years, but much more. As I mentioned
14 earlier, this year there was also some of the toxic blue-green algae in the bays at the far ends of
15 Discovery Bay - something that hasn't been a problem in past years. The news stations came and
16 reported on our toxic blue-green algae and signs went up through the community to not wade or
17 swim in the water. We've lost home sales and marina business as a result. People as far away as
18 Canada have asked their friends if "Discovery Bay has been shut down." If the tunnels go in, the
19 problems will be exacerbated, because the fresher Sacramento River water will not be allowed to
20 flow down through our community, and our economy will be even more impacted.

21 When the economic housing crisis hit in the mid 2000's, surrounding communities were
22 hard-hit. Mountain House, just south of Discovery Bay, had 90 percent of its homes foreclosed,
23 devastating that community. Discovery Bay, though impacted, was not nearly as impacted as
24 surrounding communities because it is a thriving boating community.

25 Our community is a freshwater boating community. It is our way of life. It is our economy.
26 It is the basis of our home values. And for me, personally, it is my retirement and peace of mind.

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